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- Informs parents of the differences between the two systems in role, staffing patterns, schedules, and focus;
- Provides opportunities for mutual visits by staff to one another's facilities to help plan appropriate placement;
- Familiarizes parents and staff of the receiving program's characteristics and expectations;
- Provides early and mutually planned transfer of records with parent consent at times convenient for both systems;
- Provides information on services available under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, the federally-funded parent training centers and provisions for parent involvement and due process; and
- Provides opportunities for parents to confer with staff to express their ideas and needs so they have experience in participating in IEP and other conferences in an active, confident manner. Role playing has been found helpful.

It is strongly recommended that programs develop activities for smooth transition into Head Start from Part H infant/toddler programs funded under IDEA and from Head Start to kindergarten or other placement. In order to be effective, such plans must be developed jointly. They are advantageous for the children, parents, Part H programs, Head Start and LEAs. ACYF has developed materials useful for transition. American Indian programs whose children move into several systems, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs schools and public schools, need to prepare children and families in advance for the new situation. Plans should be used as working documents and reviewed for annual update, so that the foundation laid in Head Start is maintained and strengthened.

## **PART 1309—HEAD START FACILITIES PURCHASE**

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### **Subpart A—General**

#### **§ 1309.1 Purpose and application.**

This part prescribes regulations implementing sections 644(c) and 644(f) of the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. 9801 *et seq.*, as it applies to grantees operating Head Start programs under the Act. It describes the procedures for applying for Head Start grant funds to purchase facilities in which to operate Head Start programs, and the conditions under which grant funds may be awarded to purchase facilities. It also specifies the measures which must be taken to protect the Federal interest in facilities purchased with Head Start grant funds.

#### **§ 1309.2 Approval of previously purchased facilities.**

Head Start grantees which purchased facilities after December 31, 1986, and before October 7, 1992, may request retroactive approval of the purchase by submitting an application which conforms to the requirements of this Part and the Act. Grant funds may be used to pay facility purchase costs incurred only after the responsible HHS official approves an application for a previously purchased facility.

#### **§ 1309.3 Definitions.**

As used in this part,

*ACF* means the Administration for Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services, and includes the Regional Offices.

*Acquire* means to purchase in whole or in part with Head Start grant funds through payments made in satisfaction of a mortgage agreement (both principal and interest), as a down payment, for professional fees, for closing costs, and for any other costs associated with the purchase of the property that are usual and customary for the locality.

*Act* means the Head Start Act, 42 U.S.C. section 9801, *et seq.*

*ACYF* means the Administration on Children, Youth and Families, a component of the Administration for Children and Families in the Department of Health and Human Services.

*Facility* means a structure such as a building or modular unit appropriate for use by a Head Start grantee to carry out a Head Start program.

*Grant funds* means Federal financial assistance received by a grantee from ACF to administer a Head Start program pursuant to the Head Start Act.

*Grantee* means the local public, private non-profit or for-profit agency designated to operate a program pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 9836 or 42 U.S.C. 9840a.

*Head Start center or a direct support facility for a Head Start program* means a facility used primarily to provide Head Start services to children and their families, or for administrative or other activities necessary to the conduct of the Head Start program.

*Modular unit* means a portable prefabricated structure made at another location and moved to a site for use by a Head Start grantee to carry out a Head Start program.

*Purchase* means to buy an existing facility, either outright or through a mortgage. Purchase also refers to an approved purchase of a facility, commenced between December 31, 1986 and October 7, 1992, as permitted by the Head Start Act, and by § 1309.2 of this part.

*Real property* means land, including land improvements, structures and appurtenances thereto, excluding movable machinery and equipment.

*Responsible HHS official* means the official who is authorized to make the grant of financial assistance to operate

a Head Start program, or such official's designee.

### Subpart B—Application Procedures

#### § 1309.10 Application.

A grantee which proposes to use grant funds to purchase a facility must submit a written application to the responsible HHS official. The application must include the following information:

(a) A legal description of the site of the facility, and an explanation of the appropriateness of the location to the grantee's service area, including a statement of the effect that purchase of the facility has had or will have on the transportation of children to the program, on the grantee's ability to collaborate with other child care, social services and health providers, and on all other program activities and services.

(b) Plans and specifications of the facility, including information on the size and type of structure, the number and a description of the rooms and the lot on which the building is located (including the space available for a playground and for parking).

(c) The cost comparison described in § 1309.11 of this part.

(d) If minor renovations are necessary to make the facility suitable to carry out the Head Start program, a description of the renovations, and the plans and specifications required by paragraph (b) of this section for the facility as it will be after renovations are complete.

(e) The intended uses of the facility, including information demonstrating that the facility will be used principally as a Head Start center or a direct support facility for a Head Start program. If the facility is to be used for purposes in addition to the operation of the Head Start program, the grantee must state what portion of the facility is to be used for such other purposes.

(f) Assurance that the facility complies (or will comply after completion of the renovations described in paragraph (d) of this section) with local licensing and code requirements, the access requirements of the Americans